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SUBJECT: TURKEY EARTHQUAKE - EC RESPONSE

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1. COMMISSION OFFICIALS SAY THAT THEY PLAN TO PROPOSE TO THE EC COUNCIL AN EMERGENCY CAST GRANT OF 400-500,000 UNITS OF ACCOUNT (\$440 - 555,000) FOR TURKISH EARTHQUAKE RELIEF. THE COMMISSION IS ALSO PREPARED TO PROVIDE EMERGENCY FOOD AID, BUT SO FAR TURKISH AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT INDICATED AN INTEREST IN THIS TYPE OF AID. TURKEY REPORTEDLY HAS SUFFICIENT FOOD STOCKS AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMISSION OFFICIALS PREFER TO PROVIDE THIS GRANT DIRECTLY TO THE INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (IRC), WHICH COULD USE IT TO BUY NEEDED SUPPLIES. THE COMMISSION IS CONSULTING WITH THE GOT TO DETERMINE IF THEY AGREE TO CHANNELLING THE FUNDS THROUGH THE IRC.

3. THE COMMISSION HAS ALREADY EXHAUSTED 1976 BUDGET FUNDS FOR EMERGENCY AID. IT IS PROPOSING TO SHIFT FUNDS FROM OTHER BUDGETARY CATEGORIES WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE COMMISSION TO AVOID ASKING MEMBER STATES FOR ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. AS A RESULT, THE COMMISSION MUST SEEK

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AUTHORIZATION FROM THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS WELL AS

THE COUNCIL BEFORE MAKING SUCH A SHIFT. NEVERTHELESS,
COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPECT THE EC TO EXPEDITE A
DECISION SO THAT THESE FUNDS CAN BE RELEASED NO LATER
THAN DECEMBER 13. HINTON

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